

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 17-26 and 29-30 will be pending following entry of this amendment. Claims 1 and 18 are amended to more specifically recite the claimed subject matter.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 1-3, 17-26 and 29-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as alleged being indefinite for recitation of phrases "non-interfering substituents" and "peptide derivatives."

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are amended to replace the phrase "non-interfering substituents" with "halogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl and C₁₋₆ alkoxy." Basis for the amendment can be found in the specification at page 13, lines 16-18. Claims are also amended to delete the phrase "peptide derivatives."

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b)

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 17, 18, -26 and 29-30 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as anticipated by US patent no. US 5,952,374 (Clarkson *et al.*). It is alleged that the reference discloses the use genistin for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

Applicant respectfully submits that genistin is not within the scope of the instant claims. Applicants further submit that genistin disclosed in Clarkson *et al.* and gentisin recited in the instant claims are two different compounds. The reference does not disclose use of any compound within the scope of the instant claims. Therefore, the claims are not anticipated by Clarkson *et al.*

CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider this application with a view towards allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining issues.

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No fee is believed to be due with this amendment. However, if it is determined that any fees are due, authorization is given to charge any necessary fees to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013 (Order No. 712576-999002).

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